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Application No: 10/715,425
Attorney's Docket No: ALC 3097REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are independent. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are amended.

In paragraphs 2-6 on pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claims 3 and 7, from which claims 4 and 8 depend, respectfully, are amended as suggested by the Office Action. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

In paragraphs 8-28 on pages 3-6, the Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0028654 to Abjanic et al. (hereinafter "Abjanic") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/00974852 to Horvitz et al. (hereinafter "Horvitz"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, from which claim 2 depends, recites, "the routing instruction processor connected to a top side of the parser; and an HTTP analysis layer connected to a bottom side of the parser, the bottom side being opposite the top side." Claims 3, 5 and 7, from which claims 4, 6 and 8 depend, respectively, contains similar recitations. It is respectfully submitted that neither Abjanic nor Horvitz disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter from the rejected claims quoted above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-8 as allegedly being unpatentable over Abjanic in view of Horvitz be withdrawn.

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While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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